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In re application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute Claims 1-9 as originally filed, which appear on pages 6-7, with Claims 1-8 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of June 18, 2001. The pages containing Claims 1-8 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto. Following the insertion of Claims 1-8, please amend these claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-5 and 7-8 as follows:

--4. (Amended) Device according to claim 2, **characterized in** that the end walls have two axially spaced walls (19, 37 and 20, 38, respectively) which, together with intermediate radially directed wall portions (39), define said passages (35, 36).

5. (Amended) Device according to claim 1, **characterized in** that the drive means are formed by a liquid turbine (30).